

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:284

ANSWERED ON:18.12.2008

RAILWAY BRIDGES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of bridges under the network of Indian Railways;
- (b) whether the Railways have declared a number of bridges as 'distressed' which require immediate renovation or replacement;and
- (c) if so,the details thereof,Division-wise alongwith the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARREL QUESTION NO.284 BY SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT AND SHRI VIKRAMBHI ARJANBHAI MADAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.12.2008 REGARDING RAILWAY BRIDGES.

(a): As on 01.04.08,there are 1,27,768 no.of Railway Bridges on Indian Railway system.

(b) & (c): Yes,Sir.A total of 68 no.of distressed Bridges exist on Indian Railways system as on 01.12.2008.The Division-wise break up of these distressed Bridges is enclosed as appendix.

Rehabilitation/rebuilding/strengthening of Bridges is an ongoing process on Indian Railways. Railway undertakes rehabilitation/rebuilding/ strengthening of Bridges on the basis of their physical condition as ascertained during regular inspections carried out in the field.Certain Bridges which may show signs of deterioration of physical condition indicating need for rehabilitation etc.,are classified as Distressed Bridges.These,however,are neither unsafe nor dilapidated Bridges.Priority is given to early rehabilitation/rebuilding/strengthening of distressed Bridges.If required suitable speed restrictions are imposed on such Bridges till rehabilitation/ rebuilding/strengthening is carried out.A total of 899 no. of distressed Bridges have been rehabilitated/rebuilt/strengthened on Indian Railways since 2001-02 including 22 no. of distressed Bridges completed during the current year upto November,2008.